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**CHRISTMAS BELLS**—Back on the same corner, Cravens and Marcelline, where she has been stationed for 12 years, Salvation Army Major Rose Kirchner is again collecting for those in need. Mrs. Kirchner has been in Salvation Army work since 1902, and at the age of 75, she still does her part every Christmas season. Press Photo

## Students Learn ABCs as Well as Ps When 100,000 Report Cards Given

Torrance's 4500 high school students will earn more than 100,000 individual grades on their semester report cards during this school year, which means a lot of figuring for more than 200 teachers.

But when Johnny gets an "A" on his report card and Susie gets a "C" on hers, just what do those grades mean?

To define clearly what Torrance's high school teachers mean when they put an "A" or "C" on a report card, a committee has drawn up an interpretation of the grading system. In each of their classes, students receive one grade on their knowledge of the subject and another grade on citizenship.

Torrance high schools give letter grades ranging from "A" through "F" for scholastic work. In citizenship, students receive grades of "E" (excellent), "S" (satisfactory), or "U" (unsatisfactory).

Teachers, however, set standards for each mark. Unlike the old joke, they don't toss their papers in the air and give "A's" to those which land face up. In general "A" and "B" grades indicate that student is recommended by the school for college work. It was pointed out that students are not "given" grades, but rather, "earn" them.

If Johnny gets an "A", it indicates that he has learned his subject well. Furthermore, he can work by himself and think for himself, showing originality and expressing his ideas clearly. He does more than the bare requirements of the course and works to the limit of his ability.

Mary's "B" shows that she does above average work, does more than is required, helps lead the class, and shows considerable originality.

The "C" on Susie's card shows that she stands in the middle of her class, doing what is required. She is interested and takes part in class work and does her best to do her work, but often needs help and supervision. She probably can do advanced high school work.

A "D" on Jimmy's report shows that his work is unsatisfactory for one or all of several reasons. He may do less than he could if he tried, or he may need considerable help from the teacher, may show little progress in the subject,

may attend irregularly and fail to make up work, may show little interest in the class.

The "F" which Bobby earns may be for seldom-completed work, refusing to take part in class work, upsetting the rest of the class, missing frequently, refusing the teacher's help and directions, and in general, failing to meet minimum standards of the class.

In citizenship, any of these students may earn an "E" if

they take an active part in helping the class and teacher, leading their classmates, and doing their best at all times.

An "S" shows that the student generally cooperates and contributes to the class, uses his time well, and behaves himself.

A "U" mark shows that the student refuses to behave, annoys fellow classmates, has a generally poor attitude, or a poor attendance record.



**THE TASTE TEST**—Miss Jo Kays Meek, Torrance High home-making teacher, gives the taste test to a cookie made by one of her students. Most high school teachers don't have Miss Meek's particular grading problem, but all must set up certain standards for their courses. The average Torrance teacher has to determine about 500 final grades each year.

## College Counselors to Give Tips To North High School Parents

To help parents find answers to questions about post-high school education, North High School's principal, Dale Harter, has announced a Parents' College Advisement Night Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Representatives of ten colleges and universities will discuss admission requirements, costs, housing, scholarships, and other questions of vital importance to the individual parent.

Counselors believe that additional education in the right field of endeavor can lead young people into a more satisfactory and useful adult life. Choosing the right college for the individual is also becoming increasingly important.

The following admission and counseling of ten local colleges and universities in Southern

California will be present to answer questions: Ken Corwin, University of Redlands; Emmett Long, California State Polytechnic College; Peter M. Miller, California Institute of Technology; Vance Carruth, George Pepperdine College; Holmes Smith, El Camino College; Dean Bergland and Robert Hage, Long Beach State College; Dr. Edgar L. Lazier, University of California at Los Angeles; J. Onis Leonard, LaVerne College; Howard E. Kelly, Chapman College; and a representative of the Admission Office, University of Southern California.

Parents of all high school students, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, as well as seniors, are invited to participate in this program on Tuesday evening at North High School.

## Cadillac Crashes Into Sign

Two men were arrested on suspicion of auto theft and narcotics charges early Saturday morning after the Cadillac in which they rode moved down a northside boulevard stop.

Police said that they saw the two suspects attempt to pry the fender off the wheel of their car, which was parked on the shoulder of the road on 164th St. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

Officers said both men, who said they were Patrick Roberts, 34, of Baldwin Park and William Farral, 28, of Lawndale, had needle marks on their arms.

Their suspicions were even more aroused, police said, when they learned that Farral was a fictitious name and that his true name is Harry Thals.

Roberts, who claimed he had been a passenger in the vehicle which was driven by a third party, was treated at Harbor General Hospital for minor cuts before he was booked.

His companion also disclaimed any knowledge of the accident and said he had just come over to help.

## Woman Battered by Thug

A Torrance woman was viciously beaten during a blood-spattered struggle in the Bowl-O-Drome parking lot early on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Corrine Westfall, 40, of 2451 238th St., was treated for a broken wrist, a black and swollen eye, puffed lips and loss of two teeth after the struggle.

She said that when she left the bowling alley at 220th St. and Western Ave. at approximately 1:30 a.m. she was seized from behind by a short but stocky man.

Mrs. Westfall said that he attempted to seize her car keys, but was absolutely silent during the attack.

Police said they found the woman's broken heel from one shoe and blood on her car and in the parking lot.

The victim said the man wore a light grey suit and was dark complexioned.

## Turkey Dinner Disrupted by Gravy Throwing

A Torrance man faces a jury trial Dec. 17, on a charge that he hurled a bowl of gravy at his children during Thanksgiving dinner.

Joseph Albert Cox, 43, a builder, of 1306 Madrid St., pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned on a disturbance of the peace charge before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong Friday.

The defendant's wife, Marion, who signed the complaint, alleged that Cox hurled the gravy at his daughter, Marlene, 14, following an argument over saying grace. Some of the gravy splashed another child, Marty, 5, and the rest of it hit the wall, Mrs. Cox told police.

## Three Injured in Fog Crash

Three persons were injured when the car in which they were riding smashed into a light pole during a heavy fog early Friday morning.

The car veered off Torrance Blvd. near Hickory St., where it crashed into the metal post. Taken to Harbor General Hospital were the driver, Charles M. Taylor, 37, of 626 Patronella Ave. and his two passengers, Arthur Eck, 35, and his wife, Oma, both of Santa Clara, police said.

## STOLEN CAR ABANDONED

Two teenagers abandoned a car they had stolen from the Herman Miller used car lot about a block from the scene Wednesday, police said.

## INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation of officers will highlight the Dec. 8 meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the YWCA.

# Two Dope Suspects Held in Car Crash

## Beware of the Christmas Crook



**HOW TO BEAT THE CROOKS**—Employees of the downtown J. J. Newberry store simulated some of the crooked activities committed by thieves during the height of shopping season. At top left, Dorothy Richardson checks identification of Maxine Coffey who is cashing personal check. At top right, cashier Dorothy Stassin, acts rattled, as Edith Long takes the part of a quick-change artist. Lower left, Mildred McDowell simulates

the part of a thief who preys on purses left under or behind counters. Customers too should keep a wary eye on their handbags. Lower right, one of the older methods of shoplifting is demonstrated by Opal Brigg, who stuffs a sweater under a bulky coat, while her "accomplice" Maxine Coffey, keeps salesgirl Marie Miller busy with small talk. Press Photos

## Apartment Rezoning Try Seen

Another try to push a huge apartment development was in the "rumor" stage this week.

Planning Director George Powell said that he has heard reports that the 100-acre tract on the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds. is again under consideration.

"But I haven't heard a word from anyone high up," he added.

The City Council rejected rezoning of the industrially designated area by a 4 to 3 vote several months ago, concurring with the recommendation of a majority of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Albert Isen, Councilmen Willys Blount, George Bradford and Nicholas O. Drale favored retention of the land for industrial use, but let it be known that they expect some developments there in the near future.

The application at that time listed the Home Savings and Loan Association as the developers.

Powell said that he has not received any official correspondence which would indicate another try to change the zoning.

## TURN ON YULE LIGHTS

Santa Claus will turn on the ornamental lights in the Southwood business section Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Southwood Merchants Association. Between Dec. 19 and 24, Old Nick will pass out goodies to the kiddies.

## NEW LAB

Dr. David Dicky, head of the pathological laboratory at Riviera Hospital in Torrance, announced that the hospital has added new space to the lab.

## Last Second Pass Defeats North High

North High School, which had been gamely holding its own against a highly favored Long Beach Poly, lost 19-13 after the invaders scored a touchdown during the last 30 seconds of the C.I.F. playoffs at El Camino College Friday night.

Long Beach scored with a 30-yard pass just seconds before the gun ended the hard-fought game.

The Saxons had previously won the championship of the Pioneer League.

## Co-Council to Assist With Konya Exchange

Clubs and organizations which want to participate in the City to City program with Konya, Turkey, should use the Torrance Coordinating Council as a clearing house, Mrs. John Mangan, president, announced.

To discuss the program, the Council will hold a meeting Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Victor Bennett Plunge. Clubs are asked to send representatives to the session.

The board of directors of the City to City Committee will attend the meeting to furnish further information.

## In Talent Show

Mary Alice Mewborn of Torrance won applause this week for her performance in New Talents '59, an annual production at the University of Redlands introducing new talent. She is a freshman at the University and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton A. Mewborn, 205 Via Riviera.

## Chief Issues Warning on Christmas Crime Flareup

Christmas season brings out not only the Yuletide spirit, but also crooks, big and little.

This was pointed out today by Police Chief Percy Bennett as he gave some hints to businessmen and shoppers to cope with the spurt in crime.

Beginning Tuesday two patrolmen will walk the downtown beat to keep their eye on things. In addition, plainclothesmen will be assigned to circulate in the shopping district to keep watch.

## Check Cashing

Bennett urged store owners to be wary of cashing checks for strangers.

"Be cautious in cashing checks. Even more so during the Christmas rush when there isn't much time to check on people," the chief warned.

He advised merchants not to cash personal checks for more than the amount of purchase, and if suspicious of payroll checks, to call the company.

## Watch Purses

"If the customer has nothing to fear he won't mind the slight delay," he added.

He warned store clerks as well as customers not to put their purses on counters or shelves behind the counters. In that exposed position they are easy prey to thieves, while the owners' attention is diverted.

"This is the big season for bad checks, petty thefts and short change artists," Bennett said.

He pointed out that the crime rate during December always goes up considerably.

He also cautioned against till tappers and thieves who steal clothing off racks while their partner diverts the attention of the salesman.

## AUTO VANDALISM

Someone either took a shot or hurled a rock through the rear window of his car while it was parked at South High School, Richard Walz, of 427 Highgrove St. told police.

## Dad's Night to Be Held by Y

The Torrance YMCA is conducting a "Dad's Night" for all fathers of boys from six to nine years of age Dec. 1. The program is designed to aid all fathers to better understand their sons, and to help them mature toward mental, physical, and spiritual health as adults.

The "Dad's Night" will open at 7:00 p.m. with a showing of the movie, "A Preface to Life," which portrays a boy's development from birth to maturity. The movie indicates the ways that parents, friends, and other adults influence the attitudes and actions of the growing child.

Following the movie, Herbert J. Schneider, noted authority on understanding others, will conduct cracker-barrel discussions with the concerned fathers present on "Understanding Your Boy."

## Street Openings Pushed by City

City Manager George Stevens has been instructed by the City Council to push for county funds for two major street projects.

The first is the extension of Hawthorne Blvd. from its present terminus across the Palos Verdes Peninsula to the ocean. This extension has already been favored by county officials as a means to improve traffic conditions for peninsula residents.

## Victor Zoning Hearing Slated

First hearing on a possible zone change in the Victor Precinct will be conducted Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. by the Planning Commission.

The area involved is located west of Valerie St., between Torrance and Del Amo Blvds.

The area is presently zoned M-1. At an informal meeting held several weeks ago, opinion of residents was divided between retaining the industrial zoning and changing it for residential.